Newspapers in all sections of the state gave 24,328 column inches to venereal diseases as compared with 9,667 column inches in 1938.

Respectfully submitted,

Howard Morrow, Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON LIFE MEMBERSHIP PLAN Executive Group

Robert A. Peers, Chairman

A. Bennett Cooke

G. W. Walker

To the President and the House of Delegates:

Following the Del Monte meeting in 1939, Dr. Karl L. Schaupp, Chairman of the California Medical Association Council, appointed as the Committee on Life Membership, with the undersigned as chairman, together with Dr. G. W. Walker of Fresno and Dr. A. B. Cooke of Los Angeles.

Your committee met in Fresno in October. At that meeting various rules and regulations governing life membership were agreed upon by the Committee and forwarded to General Counsel Hartley Peart, who has prepared amendments incorporating the suggestions of your committee. These amendments will be presented to the House of Delegates at the Coronado session.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert A. Peers, Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON NEEDY MEMBERS Executive Group

Axcel E. Anderson, Chairman

Elizabeth M. Hohl Robert A. Peers

To the President and the House of Delegates:

Your Committee on Needy Members, consisting of Doctors Robert A. Peers, Elizabeth Mason Hohl, and the undersigned, have had two meetings, and have decided on certain definite recommendations to the House of Delegates.

The Committee hopes to have the census of needy members completed before the annual session.

Certain proposed changes in the by-laws of the California Medical Association have been drafted by the Legal Department, which, if adopted by the House of Delegates, will enable the California Medical Association to set up the necessary organization to accumulate and distribute funds for the care of our needy members.

A more detailed report will be prepared for the House of Delegates.

Respectfully submitted,

A. E. Anderson, Chairman.

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REPORTS OF SECRETARIES OF SCIENTIFIC SECTIONS

SECTION ON GENERAL MEDICINE William H. Barrow, Chairman Russel V. Lee, Secretary

To the President and the House of Delegates:

This year the Section on Medicine is attempting to coöperate as fully as possible with the Council's policy in making all the meetings of a more general nature. With this in mind, we are assisting in the separation of the general meetings, and also choosing the material for the Section on General Medicine in such a way as to make it as interesting as possible for the widest variety of doctors.

For the Tuesday morning general meeting there will be three papers, Dr. E. H. Rynearson discussing very general aspects of endocrinology, Dr. R. R. Newell discussing the relationship of radiology to the doctors and to the world in general, and Dr. Ray Lyman Wilbur discussing certain of the sociological aspects of medicine under the subject

of biological engineering. This morning will undoubtedly prove of very great and general interest. It will precede the usual clinical-pathological conference, which has proved so successful in the past. This conference will be conducted by Dr. Arthur L. Bloomfield, who is the professor of medicine at Stanford Medical School.

The Monday afternoon session of the Section on General Medicine will be a symposium on convulsive states, to which contributions are being made by pediatricians, obstetricians, neurologists, neurosurgeons, and psychiatrists to make one coherent presentation of a very interesting subject and one in which a great deal of interest has recently been shown.

The only other meeting of the Section on General Medicine will present a number of papers which will probably be of interest to a great many people outside the Section on General Medicine. This Section has looked with favor on the policy of having fewer technical and narrow section meetings and more general meetings. We believe in the policy of having the more specialized papers presented before special societies rather than sections of the State meeting, and we are trying to make this new presentation before the annual session a success.

Respectfully submitted, Russel V. Lee, Secretary.

SECTION ON GENERAL SURGERY

Clarence E. Rees, Chairman Frederick S. Foote, Secretary Frank J. Breslin, Assistant Secretary

To the President and the House of Delegates:

The Section on General Surgery, through its officers, has attempted to modify the program for May 6 to 10 in such a manner as to make it of most interest to the general surgeon and the general practitioner. Papers with broad application have been selected at the expense of those on highly specialized subjects.

The Section on General Surgery has given up its two regular morning sessions in order to take part in general meetings, at which new developments in surgery and its allied specialties will be presented. Men who have an active part in these advances have been selected for guest speakers.

An extra session of the Section on General Surgery has been planned for Thursday afternoon, making three in all, so as to provide additional time for the presentation of individual essays.

> Respectfully submitted, Frederick S. Foote, Secretary.

SECTION ON OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY

John N. Ewer, Chairman C. F. Fluhmann, Secretary William Benbow Thompson, Vice-Chairman

To the President and the House of Delegates:

In planning for this year's meeting, attention has been directed to the recommendation of the Committee on Scientific Work, and all the papers are of general interest instead of appealing merely to a small group of specialists. The first meeting is devoted to a symposium on anesthesia and analgesia in obstetrics, a subject which is of vital significance in view of the interest aroused among the laity by recent articles in popular magazines. On Wednesday afternoon all the papers but one are on gynecologic problems. One deals with the question of treatment of retrodisplacements of the uterus in the light of modern conservative opinion. Another discusses a synthetic estrogenic hormone, stilboestrol, which as yet is not available commercially in this country, but probably will be in the near future. The Chairman's address will be given at this time, and two additional papers will take up questions that require frequent consideration in general practice.

Respectfully submitted,

C. F. Fluhmann, Secretary.

SECTION ON EYE, EAR, NOSE, AND THROAT

Dewey R. Powell, Chairman Harry J. Wiley, Secretary Warren D. Horner, Vice-Chairman

To the President and the House of Delegates:

It is the intention of the Eye, Ear, Nose, and Throat Section to present a program each year of such high type that it will prove both interesting and educational. One of our aims is to bring out the latest and best that has transpired in our specialty during the year. This year's program is of that nature.

The offer of papers by the leading men of our Section has been very gratifying. We were only sorry that we could not use all that were offered, and hope to be able to use the surplus next year.

Respectfully submitted,

Harry J. Wiley, Secretary.

SECTION ON DERMATOLOGY AND SYPHILOLOGY

Nelson Paul Anderson, Chairman Julius R. Scholtz, Secretary Frederick G. Novy, Jr., Vice-Chairman

To the President and the House of Delegates:

The meeting will be highlighted by a joint session with the Section on Pediatrics, for which a program of great interest has been arranged. A symposium on "Eczema of Infancy and Early Childhood" will be presented by outstanding men in their respective fields. It is the purpose of this symposium to approach the problem from a comprehensive and practical point of view. The single session devoted to dermatologic subjects will present a number of excellent contributions of original investigative work.

Respectfully submitted,

Julius R. Scholtz, Secretary.

SECTION ON PATHOLOGY AND BACTERIOLOGY

Paul H. Guttman, Chairman Roy W. Hammack, Secretary John W. Budd, Assistant Secretary

To the President and the House of Delegates:

The program of the Section on Pathology and Bacteriology this year includes papers on pathological anatomy, clinical pathology, and cancer research. These presentations should be of interest not only to the members of the Section, but to members of other sections, particularly the Section on General Medicine and the Section on General Surgery. This year only one section meeting is scheduled.

Most of the members of the Section on Pathology and Bacteriology participate in the tumor conferences of the Cancer Commission, held the day before the opening of the meeting of the California Medical Association.

Respectfully submitted,

Roy W. Hammack, Secretary.

SECTION ON PEDIATRICS

Hartzell H. Ray, Chairman W. W. Belford, Secretary John J. Miller, Assistant Secretary

To the President and the House of Delegates:

The pediatric program has been completed and abstracts have been forwarded.

Four papers will be given. The second meeting of the Section will be held with the Section on Dermatology. The section programs give detailed information.

Respectfully submitted,

W. W. Belford, Secretary.

SECTION ON RADIOLOGY

Robert R. Newell, Chairman Carl D. Benninghoven, Secretary Ray A. Carter, Assistant Secretary

To the President and the House of Delegates:

The Section on Radiology has tried to fit its program into the general program by drafting radiologists with scientific papers that will further the knowledge of all practitioners of medicine as well as the radiologist. In other words, fit into the convention program as the radiological consultant fits into the general practice of medicine.

Respectfully submitted,

Carl D. Benninghoven, Secretary.

SECTION ON UROLOGY

John A. Dougherty, Chairman Lyle G. Craig, Secretary

To the President and the House of Delegates:

The Section on Urology will hold section meetings on Monday afternoon, May 6, and on Wednesday afternoon, May 8. There will be a total of twelve papers presented by members of the Section, with a wide variety of subjects of general urologic interest and importance. We feel that the program this year offers an unusual amount of material of practical interest.

The subjects are thoroughly up to date, several of the papers being based on original research or clinical work. In every instance particular attention has been given to the clinical applications, and an effort made to make the paper of real value to the urologist in practice.

All members and visitors attending the Section meetings will be invited and urged to take part in the discussions, in order that their value may be increased by a general interchange of opinion and experience.

Respectfully submitted, Lyle G. Craig, Secretary.

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REPORTS OF SECRETARIES OF COMPONENT COUNTY SOCIETIES

ALAMEDA COUNTY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

A. A. Alexander, President Gertrude Moore, Secretary

To the President and the House of Delegates:

During the year November 1, 1938 to November 1, 1939, ten meetings were held, and two months, July and August, were vacation months. Scientific programs were given at each of the regular meetings; twenty-one scientific papers were given in all. There were ten case reports and two round-tables: one on chest lesions, with nine members participating; and one on blood dyscrasias, with three visitors participating. A motion picture was presented at one meeting.

The total membership is 608, or 69 per cent of all Alameda County physicians. Forty-seven new members were added during the period, November 1, 1938 to November 1, 1939, and fourteen were lost.

Respectfully submitted,
Gertrude Moore, Secretary.

BUTTE COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY

William W. Carey, President J. O. Chiapella, Secretary

To the President and the House of Delegates:

Our society has nine meetings a year and three months' vacation during June, July, and August.

Our membership consists of thirty-one physicians.

There are always refreshments for those who participate, and a dinner meeting from 7 to 7:30 p. m. every second Thursday, if possible.